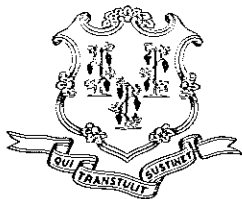


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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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### House Bill 6400 – AAC The Strengthening of Nursing Home Oversight

The Department of Public Health provides the following information relative to House Bill 6400.

This proposal will have significant positive effects upon the State's ability to monitor the financial viability of nursing homes and nursing home management certificate holders. It provides for the review of additional information, increased regulatory oversight and establishes benchmarks for solvency reviews.

However, The Department respectfully asks the Committee to consider supporting the passage of the Governor's Senate Bill 845 An Act Concerning Oversight of Nursing Homes, which is before the Public Health Committee. These bills contain similar language providing necessary tools to be effective in monitoring Nursing Homes. Senate Bill 845 is preferable as it more closely reflects the language developed during discussion of nursing home oversight between legislative partners, the Attorney General, the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Social Services and our agency last session. The Department will be able to implement the requirements of SB 845 within available resources.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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